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Health (1952) Department.

MS **SERIES.**

G.O. No. 2682

Dated 19 – 8 – 52.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Midwifery training – Married women admitted for training – Pregnancy during the course of training – Levy of Penalty – Orders passed.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

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Dr.P. Arunachalam,MD., MRCP., TDD(Wales),DMR(Lond).,
Director of Medical Services, Madras - 6.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Health Department, Madras.

Ref.No.45919--N-52 dated 25--7--1952.

Sir

Sub:- Midwifery Training - Married women admitted for the training - Pregnancy during the course - penalty.

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According to note 4 under rule 3(b) of the rules governing the admission and training of candidates in midwifery appended to G.O.No.4050 H dated 3-11-1939 married women whose husbands are alive will be eligible for admission provided they obtain the written consent of their husbands or produce satisfactory evidence of temporary separation, the object being to ensure that they do not become pregnant during the course of training which will be a hindrance to the early completion of ~~this~~ their course.

In spite of the above ruling several cases of married pupil midwives who became pregnant during the course of their training have been brought to the notice of this office and in some cases they were discharged when they were reported to be pregnant and re-admitted to the training after the confinement.

I am of the opinion that if a pupil midwife becomes pregnant during the course of the training and stops away for a few months and then rejoins the course, her absence will not only interfere with her training but also sets a bad example to other pupils not to speak of the inconveniences caused to the administration. It also means that another pupil who, if admitted, would have continued, has lost her chance. It may also be stated here that Government quarters have not been provided to all the midwifery pupils in mofussil stations and that they have been obliged to live in their houses along with their husbands which give them scope for becoming pregnant. As no hard and fast rule can be applied in such cases of married midwifery pupils, I consider that an imposition of a penalty, say a recovery of a sum equal to three months stipends will have a moral effect on the pupils.

If the above proposal meets with approval of Government necessary amendments to the rules will be submitted. The attention of the Government in this connection is solicited to G?O.No.2024 H dated 25--6--1952, wherein a recovery of three months stipends has been ordered from a pupil ~~midfire~~ midwife who became pregnant during the course of her training.

Early orders of the Government may kindly be issued in the matter.

Yours faithfully,
Sd.xx
For Director of Medical Services.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
ABSTRACT
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Midwifery Training - Married Women admitted for training - Pregnancy during the course of training levy of penalty - Orders passed.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.NO.2682 Dated: 19th August, 1952.
Read the following:-

From the Director of Medical Services,
No.49919-N/52 dated 25--7-1952.

ORDER:

The Government approve the proposal of the Director of Medical Services that an amount equal to three months stipends may be recovered from married midwifery pupils who become pregnant during the course of their training as a penalty for contravening the rules for the admission and training of candidates in midwifery.

2. The Director of Medical Services is requested to submit to Government necessary draft amendments to the rules relating to the training of midwifery pupils annexed to G.O. No.1134, Public Health, dated 22--5--1928 and G.O.No.4050 Public Health, dated 3--11--1939.

/By Order etc./

Sd.xx
Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Medical Services.
The Accountant General, thro' Finance.

/True copy/

R. Thiagarajan
SUPERINTENDENT.
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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